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FROM AMBASSADOR EDWIN M. MARTIN

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TAGS: EAGR, FAO

SUBJECT: WFC-MAREI CONVERSATION-DEVELOPMENT FUNDING ARRANGMENTS

REF: STATE 217116

1. AFTER RECEIPT REFTEL CALLED ON MAREI TO SEE IF HE HAD ANY MESSAGES FOR SECRETARY. HE CONFIRMED CONTENT OF ABU DHABI LETTER ALREADY REPORTED AND SAID NEGOTIATIONS WITH SAUDIS PROCEEDING WELL. OCT. 26 WILL START VISIT TO THESE COUNTRIES, KUWAIT AND IRAQ.

2. ALSO CONFIRMED THAT THINKING ALONG CONSORTIUM LINES. IT APPEARED EARLIER MISUNDERSTANDING AROSE FROM HIS USING WORDS QUOTE FUND UNQUOTE AND QUOTE CONSULTATIVE GROUP UNQUOTE INTERCHANGEABLY. EMPHASIZED DESIRE TO FIND MEANS
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FOR US PARTICIPATION COMPATIBLE WITH REQUIREMENTS OUR

BILATERAL AID LEGISLATION.

3. FINALLY, HE IS NOW THINKING OF WORLD FOOD COUNCIL, APPOINTED BY AND REPORTING TO UN SECRETARY-GENERAL THROUGH FULL-TIME PRESIDENT, CONSISTING OF MAIN GRAIN EXPORTERS, 2 OR 3 OIL EXPORTERS, SEVERAL LDCS AND ONE OR TWO OTHERS LIKE JAPAN EEC, AND REPRESENTATIVES KEY MEMBERS UN FAMILY. WOULD HAVE SMALL ABLE STAFF TO HELP IT DEAL WITH QUESTIONS OF INFORMATION, FOOD SECURITY AND FOOD AID, CALLING TO ATTENTION OF SECY GEN SERIOUS SITUATIONS, LIKE PRESENT ONE IN INDIA, AND SUGGESTING ACTIONS HE MIGHT TAKE. STAFF TO BE DRAWN PARTLY FROM OUTSIDERS AND PARTLY FROM UN AGENCIES. CONSORTIUM WOULD REPORT TO COUNCIL. PRESENT PLAN IS TO PRESENT THIS PROPOSAL TOMORROW FOR CONSIDERATION BY GOVERNMENTS AT WFC BUT NO DISCUSSION NOW.

4. MAREI INDICATED THAT MAY BE NECESSARY HAVE CONSULTATIONS AMONG INTERESTED COUNTRIES ON FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS REFERRED TO IN EARLIER MESSAGE DURING FIRST DAYS OF WFC AS SCHEDULE TIGHT IN OCTOBER.

5. BOERMA HAS DESCRIBED TO ME BROAD OUTLINES OF FAO PROPOSAL. IT IS NOT TOO DIFFERENT FROM THAT OF SECRETARIAT WHICH HE EXPLAINED BY TWO-HAT ROLE OF AZIZ AND HIS OWN BROADMINDEDNESS. IT DOES GIVE LARGER STAFFING ROLE FOR BOTH COUNCIL AND CONSORTIUM TO FAO, ALTHOUGH HE AGREES IT NEEDS QUOTE MODERNIZING UNQUOTE. HE WILL GIVE FODAG COPY EARLY NEXT WEEK. END
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